



Clare State School 'THE MESSENGER'

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14TH JULY

DATES TO REMEMBER

Clare Athletic Carnival—Wednesday 23rd July

Combined School Carnival—Tuesday 5th August

School Photos—Monday 11th August

Reminders:

Tuckshop orders in by Thursday 17th July

ATTACHMENTS:

National Tree Day Flyer

Rural Health Flyer

Order of Events

House List

Tuckshop Order Form

P&C Meetings

All meetings are held on a Monday at 3.30pm unless otherwise advised

- 14th July
- 11th August
- 18th September
- 13th October
- 10th November
- 8th December

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope everybody had a restful and enjoyable holiday. It is fantastic to see so many rejuvenated, bright smiling faces around the school.

Inter-house Sport Carnival

Wednesday, 23rd July, will see Clare, Millaroo and Maidavale State Schools combining for our annual Inter-house Sports Carnival. We look forward to a great day of running, throwing, jumping and games. Parents are welcome to attend. All children need to be at school by 8.45am for a 9.00am start. Please find attached to this newsletter an 'Order of Events' and a 'House List' for the day so you can see which 'house' your child belongs in. On the day children will wear their respective house colours i.e red for Landers and blue for Dalrymple. Parents need to remember that this is a school day and if children are not participating in an event then they need to be sitting with their 'house' where they will be supervised by a staff member. Children are not to be wandering around with parents or siblings as they need to be accounted for on the day. Also attached is the tuckshop order form which needs to be **returned by Thursday 17th July** to allow for ordering.

Premiers Reading Challenge

As mentioned in previous newsletters, our school is participating in the 2014 Premiers reading challenge. Each of your children will have a copy of the sheet required to fill out the books they read. This is the responsibility of you and your child. Bring the completed sheets to school and have your teacher sign them. At the end of the challenge, all students who have read the required number of books will receive a certificate. It is a good way to log the books you are reading and to encourage children to read.

School Photos

School Photos will be on **Monday 11th August, Week 5**. Students are to be in full school uniform on this day.

Homework Tips for Parents

"Homework time" in many families can be very stressful and tension-filled for both child and parent. Research clearly says doing homework enhances not only children's learning but also essential skills they will need to succeed in school and in life such as organisation, problem solving, attention span, memory, goal-setting and "stick-to-it-ness" Here's just a few tips to make homework time more successful for your child and you.

- Recognise your role is helper not doer. Sometimes in our quest to help our kids succeed, we may get carried away providing too much help.
- Do praise your child's efforts and not just the "end product." Kids need to learn the importance of hard work and effort and homework provides a great opportunity for you to reinforce their perseverance.
- Insist homework be their responsibility not yours. Resist the temptation of always sitting next to them and offer your help only when it's really needed.
- Agree together upon specific times for doing homework ahead of time and then stick to it. You may want to even post your agreement in a visible place and then sign it. Many kids need a break after school, while others like to delve right in. Find your child's best work time and consistently reinforce it.



Student of the week

Week 8-Matthew Schifilliti

Week 9-Makenna Auer

Week 10-Kodie Zimmerlie

Quote of the Week:

“A good head and a good heart are always a formidable combination.”

- Nelson Mandela

Combined Small Schools Athletics Carnival

This year’s carnival will be held on **Tuesday 5th August, at East Ayr SS**. As this is a normal school day *all* children from Clare SS will be involved in the day and all staff will be in attendance. Therefore, there will be *no* supervision at Clare SS on the day.

Teaching and Learning Audit

As part of an initiative to improve student learning in Queensland state schools, Teaching and Learning Audits are conducted in every Queensland state school to provide quality feedback on how the school is performing and to inform school planning processes.

The audits are usually carried out every four years or following the appointment of a new school principal. A school community may request another audit within the four-year cycle, however no more than one audit will be conducted at the same school within a 12-month period.

During the audit, an independent, experienced school principal visits the school to collect a range of data and information about school practices, programs and procedures in the area of teaching and learning.

Interviews will also be conducted with staff, students and the P&C President to gather a range of perspectives on school strategies and practices.

The audit will usually take one to two days, depending on the school’s context and size. The school will receive the auditor’s report within 15 days and key findings will be discussed with the principal, the school’s leadership team and the school staff.

From this report, the executive summary and eight-page profile will be made available to parents and caregivers on the school’s web site. The principal will work with the school community to include any recommendations in the school’s forward planning.

Clare State School will have a Teaching and Learning and Behaviour Audit on Thursday August 14. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to ask.

This Week (14th—18th July):

Tuesday	LOTE Yr 6
Wednesday	LOTE Yr 7 PE Music RE
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm

Next Week (21st—25th July)

Tuesday	LOTE Yr 6
Wednesday	Interhouse Sports Carnival
Thursday	Parade 2.30pm

Nationally Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

Dear parents/carers,

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability.

In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will be collecting data until 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year.

Please be reassured that the Department will not provide on to another organisation any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you.

While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child's details to be included, please let me know.

Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:

Department's website: <http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/disability-data-collection.html>

Australian Government Department of Education website: <http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

Electronic Newsletter

This will be our last newsletter where everyone is issued with a hardcopy. Our next newsletter will only be sent out electronically to those who requested it and hardcopy to the rest. Please ensure that you still ask your child or check their bags periodically for any other flyers that we may send home.

Thank you

Lee Braney,

Principal

Please return order form and money by 11am Thursday 17th

TUCKSHOP ORDER FORM –Sports Day

NAME _____

School _____

YR _____

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>QTY</u>	<u>COST</u>
Phelan's Pie - no peas	\$3.50		
Phelan's Pie - with peas	\$3.50		
Phelan's Pastie - no peas	\$3.50		
Phelan's Pastie - with peas	\$3.50		
Phelan's Sausage Roll - no peas	\$3.00		
Phelan's Sausage Roll - with peas	\$3.00		
Chicken & Salad Roll	\$3.00		
Ham & Salad Roll	\$3.00		
Tropical Juice Popper	\$1.50		
Apple Juice Popper	\$1.50		
Lolly Bag	\$1.00		
TOTAL COST		\$	